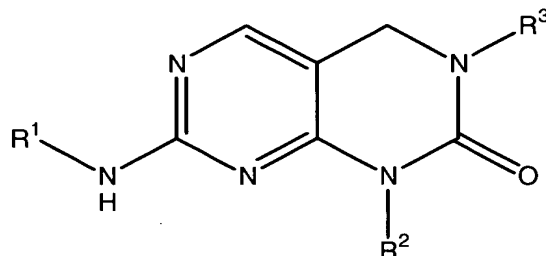


What is claimed is:

1. A compound of the formula:



5 wherein:

R¹ is selected from C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₂-C₁₀ alkenyl, or C₂-C₁₀ alkynyl optionally substituted by OH, alkoxy, phenoxy, thio C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, or NR⁴R⁵;

(CH₂)_n-Ar, wherein the (CH₂)_n alkyl chain is optionally substituted by OH, alkoxy, phenoxy, thio C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, or NR⁴R⁵; COR⁴, wherein R⁴ is alkyl

10 optionally substituted by OH, alkoxy, phenoxy, thio C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, or NR⁴R⁵; C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl optionally substituted by OH, alkoxy, phenoxy, NR⁴R⁵, SO₂NR⁴R⁵, or SO₃R⁴; (CH₂)_nheterocyclyl; or alkyl optionally substituted by COR⁴, CO₂R⁴ or CONR⁴R⁵;

R⁴ is H or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

15 R⁵ is C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, (CH₂)_nAr, C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl or heteroaryl

n is 0 to 3;

R³ is (CH₂)_nAr;

Ar is phenyl optionally substituted by halo or alkyl optionally substituted
20 by OH, alkoxy, phenoxy, thio C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, or NR⁴R⁵;

R² is hydrogen; C₁-C₁₀ alkyl substituted by halo, nitrile, OH, alkoxy, phenoxy, thio C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, NR⁴R⁵ or (CH₂)-heteroaryl; (CH₂)_nAr, wherein n is 0-3; -(CH₂)-heteroaryl; C₃-C₁₀ cycloalkyl optionally substituted by OH, alkoxy, phenoxy, NR⁴R⁵, SO₂NR⁴R⁵, or SO₃R⁴; (CH₂)-heterocyclyl; or COR⁴;

R^4 is H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl optionally substituted by halogen; NR^5R^6 ; cycloalkyl; or $(CH_2)_n$ -Ar;

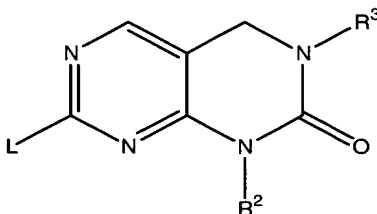
R^5 and R^6 are independently C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 alkynyl, $(CH_2)_n$ Ar, C_3 - C_{10} cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl or heteroaryl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt form thereof.

2. A compound of Claim 1 wherein R^3 is $(CH_2)_n$ Ar substituted by one or two halogens.

3. A compound of Claim 1 wherein R^2 is hydrogen; C_1 - C_{10} alkyl optionally substituted by halo, nitrile, OH, alkoxy, phenoxy, thio C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, NR^4R^5 or (CH_2) -heteroaryl.

4. A method for the preparation of a compound of Claim 1, said method comprising:

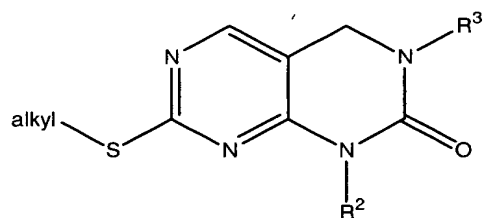
(a) treating a compound of the formula:



wherein L is a leaving group, with an amine of the formula R^1 - NH_2 , wherein n, R^1 , R^2 and R^3 have the meanings provided in Claim 1.

5. A method for the preparation of a compound of Claim 1, said method comprising:

(a) treating a compound of the formula:



with an oxidizing agent followed by an amine of the formula R¹-NH₂, wherein n, R¹, R² and R³ have the meanings provided in Claim 1.

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6. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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